

Quartermaster himself, Col. Belger, referring to the circumstances under which the Grain was seized and urging the necessity of a prompt and liberal payment for it.

I know of no other means by which I can contribute to your redress — The outrage of which you complain — involved in the violent seizure of your property — whilst under the circumstances to be justly condemned, as I have already said, is one of the results of the present belligerent condition of the Country, and constitutes an offense which as you are aware, even in peaceful times, the Authorities of the state can only reach through the instrumentality of its judicial Tribunals.

Sincerely hoping and believing that you will be properly indemnified for any loss sustained, and that it may be the last you may suffer

I am very Respectfully  
Your obtt. Servt.  
A. W. Bradford

State of Maryland  
Executive Department  
Annapolis Feby. 5<sup>th</sup> 1863

Captain Theodore Clayton  
Comdg. Co. Purnell Cavalry Co  
Sir:

Having found that a Cavalry Company is not adapted to the duty in which yours has been recently engaged, and in accordance with the wish expressed in your letter of 14<sup>th</sup> Ucto. — I wrote to Genl. Schenck on 27<sup>th</sup> requesting him to assign you to other duty, and if you have not already reported to him, you will please do so without delay —

I would call your attention to a Complaint made to me by Mr. James Harmandis living near Bel Air, touching the conduct of a Sergeant and two privates of your Command who recently visited his House, and there violently and against his remonstrances, with drawn weapons &c compelled his servants to deliver to them 15 Bushels of oats — Now although there may occasionally under peculiar circumstances, and where it is impossible otherwise to procure it, exist an absolute necessity for a foraging party to provide supplies of this kind even against the owners will, I am confident there could have been no such necessity in the case referred to, and the proceeding was still the more unjustifiable looking to the crippled and helpless condition of the owner — You will agree with me, I think in the opinion that the good of the Service and the credit of the Cause we have in charge demand not only that property so taken should be immediately and liberally paid for, but that the men who commit such acts of unnecessary violence should be properly punished, and I do hope that you will take immediate measures to inflict such a punishment.